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27TH ANNUAL NIKE CENTENNIAL TOURNAMENT

The 27th Annual Nike Centennial Tournament to be held this weekend, October 30th & 31st, will once again provide outstanding basketball action to Montreal cage fans.

As in past years, the tournament field promises some outstanding teams and individual players. Joining the Stingers will be the Waterloo Warriors, Queen's Golden Gaels and University of Western Ontario Mustangs.

Waterloo will face Queen's in the tournament's opener Friday night at 6:00 pm. The Warriors, under new coach Tom Keiswetter, feature a veteran team led by scoring sensation Sean VanKoughnett, the 1990 CIAU Rookie of the Year. Barry Smith's Golden Gaels feature guard David Smart, one of last's year top ten leading scorers in the OUAA East. The Mustangs, 1991 National Champions, will be led by forward Michael Lynch and 6'10 Nigel Rawlings.

We have 8 returning players from last year's OUAA East division championship team and 4 quality newcomers whom I honestly feel make us a better team. We are very serious about recapturing the national title that eluded us last season and are working hard to prepare for the upcoming season.

The Stingers return eight veterans led by four starters led by All-Canadian Dexter John, and fellow league all-stars Robert Ferguson, and Emerson Thomas and Raphael Tyrrell. Frederic Arsenault is ready to step in for the graduated Ernie Rosa. Arsenault has worked hard in developing his skills and strengths and appears destined for university stardom. Returning veterans Pat Sullivan and Kevin Forman will battle for starting positions at the guard spot while Eric Corej will see action in both the forward and center position. Newcomers included Vanier graduates Emile Bigelow and J.P. Reimer, Dawson's Gaetan Prosper and Benoy Jacob from London's Central Secondary.

Since John Dore was named head coach in 1989, the team has won three league titles and one National title. The victories tell only part of the story, however their style play, their on and off court discipline and commitment to excellence have made Concordia one of the top programmes in Canada, and they have every intention of remaining just that - at the top.